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the **Nation**

Gov. Bill Clinton attempted to distance himself from front-runner Paul Tsongas after this week's New Hampshire primary. Clinton headed south to Georgia to prepare for the March 3 primary. The victory in New Hampshire assured Tsongas of additional funds to fill his empty coffers.

President Bush vowed to take on Pat Buchanan as the results from New Hampshire closed to a final margin showing Bush with only a 16 percent lead over Buchanan. Buchanan vowed not to roll over and fall victim to Bush's huge and well-financed campaign.

"Bugsy" led the way with 10 Oscar nominations, as the nominees were announced this week. Also, "Beauty and the Beast" became the first animated movie nominated for best picture.

the **Campus**

A children's talent show will be sponsored by the Associated Women for Harding next Monday at 7 p.m. The event will feature 50 performing children and Harding students are invited.

Free tax help is available from now until tax returns are due. Assistance will be provided in room 122 of the Mabee building by VITA members.

This weekend's movies are "E.T." and "Star Trek III." The movies will be shown at 7 and 9:30 p.m. Friday and Saturday in the Benson.

Next Thursday, political policy expert Alan Keyes will be the featured speaker in the American Studies lecture series.

Chapel service for seniors will be in the American Heritage Auditorium on Monday. The senior retreat is next Saturday at Wyldewood.

Tickets for The Wright Brothers go on sale next week. Their concert is next Saturday evening.

Alpha Chi inducts 71 new members

by **Melanie Johnson**
Bison staff writer

Seventy-one new members were inducted into Alpha Chi, Harding's educational honor society during chapel Wednesday. A national society that encourages and recognizes superiority in scholarship, Alpha Chi membership is offered to students in the upper 10 percent of the junior and senior classes who meet the necessary requirements. Harding's Eta chapter includes 247 students currently.

To receive an invitation for membership, a student must have a grade point average of 3.75 on 80 semester hours or 3.55 on 104 semester hours. At least 24 of these must have been earned on Harding's campus. Students are inducted in the fall and spring semesters each year.

Stefanie Jones, a senior from Pocahontas, Ark., and a newly-inducted member, said, "I was excited to be inducted." Other new members, Tracy Jennings and Mark Burt, feel equally honored. Jennings, a senior from Rogers, Ark., commented, "I felt like it was a privilege," and Burt, a junior from Little Rock, stated, "It is not only an honor now, but it also says a lot to future employers."

Selected members of Alpha Chi attend annual conventions where the program includes the presentation of scholarly papers as well as creative presentations. This year's convention will be regional and it will be held in Shreveport, La. Before the convention, students who will be presenting papers or other works will be given the opportunity to present them on campus.

Alpha Chi sponsors a forum on graduate school each year. A panel made up of faculty members who have recently been involved in doctoral programs is available to



TAKE HOLD OF THE FLAME. Stephen Burks, a junior physical education major from Searcy, was among the 71 students inducted into the Alpha Chi honor society Wednesday in chapel. (photo by David Hickman)

inform students about the various aspects of graduate school, including finances, entrance exams and difficulty of classes, as well as to answer any questions students might have.

Officers for Alpha Chi include Anna Conley, president; Diane Roof, vice president; Anissa Campbell, secretary; Mark Pruitt, treasurer; and Chantelle Bequette, student representative. Sponsorship for Alpha Chi consists of six faculty members. The head sponsor, Dr. Don England, was appointed by Dr. Burks. Dr. England then appointed three other sponsors, Dr. Arthur Shearin, Patty Barrett and Dr. Neale Pryor. Dr. Den-

nis Organ and Dr. Larry Long were elected by the students to serve as assistant sponsors.

In the future, changes may be made in the way in which members are inducted. The increasing number of students with qualifying GPA's is beginning to cause a conflict with the national constitutional requirement that Alpha Chi include only the top 10 percent of junior and senior classes. No decisions have yet been made, but Dr. Organ, national editor of publications for Alpha Chi, stated, "We are looking at the possibility of going by class rankings in the future."

Spring enrollment reaches peak

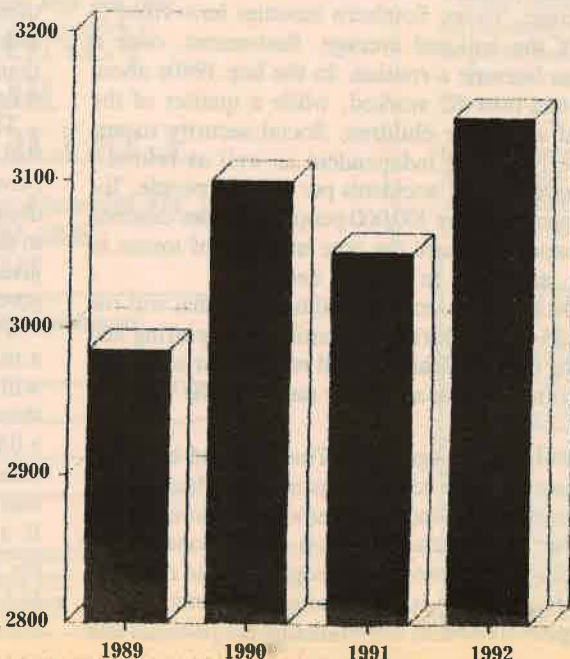
by **Michael Mazo**
Bison staff writer

Harding University has reached record enrollment for the third semester in a row. Registration for the spring semester totaled 3,144 students. Of that number 3,106 were enrolled in baccalaureate and graduate degree programs. The School of Biblical Studies accounts for the other 38 students. There are approximately 150 students who enrolled in college for the first time.

Harding prides itself on the diversity of its students. Students range from all walks of life. Represented at the school are 48 states, with only Hawaii and Rhode Island not included. A total of 120 students list foreign nations as their residence with 35 nations represented. Honduras and Guatemala rank highest with the number of students registered. Honduras has 15 and Guatemala has 10. The school also has two girls from Rumania in attendance.

Past enrollment for spring semesters at Harding have been: 2,985 in 1989, 3,100 in 1990 and 3,052 in 1991. The spring number is a drop of 242 from the fall's record account of 3,386. A total of 185 out of the 242 completed their degrees and received diplomas in the December graduation. The Admission office estimates that 409 students will graduate in May, the first time graduation has been over 400. Approximately 67 students will graduate in August.

The Admissions office expects registration for the fall semester to show a slight increase over last fall with a capacity of just under 3,400. The number of applications has also increased over the number received at this time last year. The Admissions office is urging high school students to register early to insure acceptance.



Good news: America is still number one

by D. P. Diffine, Ph.D.

Guest columnist

We interrupt this recession to bring you the following *Special Bulletin*: a new survey shows that if gloom and doom were nutritional, the national television networks could feed the world. There is too much "recession" talk. In fact, if Thomas Edison invented the lightbulb today, the television networks would scream, "Tragedy strikes the candle industry!"

Is this the early 1930's all over again? No! There are many differences: Federal transfer payments provide a purchasing power "floor" to keep a recession from becoming a depression. The Fed isn't "imploding" the money supply as it did in 1928-1932. Interest rates have fallen dramatically. Today, there are no five-year mortgages with balloon payments. Investors are diversified today; there is a 50 percent stock market margin requirement, not 10 percent. There is no highly prohibitive tariff today, unlike 1931. Only 20 percent of GNP is vulnerable to the business cycle today (mining/manufacturing), not 44 percent as it was in 1930.

Why all this self-flagellation on the nightly network news? Are things really that bad? Today, our trade deficit is lower than at any time in the last eight years (and it doesn't include services — law, finance, tourism — in which Japan is a net buyer from the U.S. Thirteen percent of Arkansas' Gross State Product is international trade (50,000 jobs). Arkansas is ninth in manufacturing intensity; most are recession-resistant industries. The number one manufacturing employer in Arkansas is food processing. In 1991, Arkansas was in the top 10 nationally in percentage of growth in output, employment and personal income.

What's all this network news talk about America being wasteful? We are not "energy pigs." In the last two decades we've grown 54 percent on only 9 percent more energy. We've doubled vehicle fleet mileage. The equipment in homes and factories is 30-60 percent more efficient. We have had better efficiency gains than every one of our Western trading partners. Oil now powers 6 percent of our electrical energy. It was 17 percent two decades ago. It is the Socialist economies which consume three times the energy per dollar of GNP.

Yes, as we also scan back over the last decade, we vividly recognize the renewal that applied science has brought to our domestic economy. Information technology is changing the concept of industrial resources. Information is expandable; there are no obvious limits. Information is compressible; it can be concentrated, integrated, summarized and miniaturized for easier handling. Information is substitutable; it can replace capital, labor or physical materials. Robots are an example.

the **Bison**

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What does that mean? Today, everywhere, we are applying hi-tech to low-tech industries. Basic low-tech industries are now smaller, leaner, stronger and more profitable. We have learned that it was not written in the stars that we had to permanently lose markets to overseas competitors or that their quality had to be better. We also learned that we had to automate, emigrate or evaporate. That's why the family farm is going the way of the mom and pop grocery store and the corner soda fountain. It's called economies of scale (efficiencies of large size). Production of goods now utilizes the resources of many countries. Joint ventures are a growing trend to reduce risk, build expertise and penetrate markets.

What is the scorecard as things stand today? With five percent of the world's population we create 25 percent of the world's GNP. Two percent of us grow enough food to feed 200 percent of our population. Our poverty income exceeds the average Russian income. Our work week is 40 percent shorter than in 1900. There is a rise in entrepreneurship — often at a rate of 20 new business starts for every one failure. Today, 93 percent of us are working.

To match the most successful (former) socialist country's achievements (the late, not-so-great, USSR), what would we have to do? We would have to cut all the paychecks in America by 75 percent, send 60 million back to the farm (that's one-fourth of us), tear down almost three-fourths of the houses in America, rip up 14 out of 15 miles of road and two-thirds of the railroad tracks, junk 85 percent of the automobiles and tear out nine of 10 telephones.

America is still number one. We have much to feel good about. We're even 15 years ahead of the Russians in Japanese cars. Japan's growth is impressive but it was America that created 33 percent more jobs in the last two decades. Japan's employment rose 16 percent in the same time period. All sectors of the American economy included, we are about 25 percent more productive than Japan. And they are trying to tell us that Columbus actually sailed to the Americas on the Pinta, the Nina and the Santa Mitsuibushi? Really.

Looking around the world, don't we Americans have much to feel good about? The U.S. still enjoys the highest standard of living of any major country. Just think how far we have come. The median educational level of minorities in 1950 was 8.6 years. Today it is 12 years. In 1940 only 44 percent of us owned homes. Today, 66 percent of us own our homes. Arkansas is right at the national average. Living standards have improved dramatically. In the mid-1940s one-third of the nation's homes had no running water, two-fifths had no flush toilets, three-fifths had no central heating and four-fifths were heated by coal or wood.

Regional poverty has dropped sharply. In the mid-1940s average incomes in the South were about two-fifths of the national average. Today, Southern incomes have risen to four-fifths of the national average. Retirement, once a privilege, has become a routine. In the late 1940s about half of all men over 65 worked, while a quarter of the elderly lived with their children. Social security means that the elderly can be independent as well as retired.

In 1950 there were 61 accidents per 100,000 people. Today, it is 47 accidents per 100,000 people. Bladder cancers, which the experts say are the true measure of toxins in the ecology, are down in the last decade.

This nation of ours is on a rebuilding binge that will run for the next 25 years. During this entire restructuring and implementing of new ideas, we will rebuild our industrial might and compete with any other nation in the world at a profit.

Is business in a new age? Yes! The best and brightest graduates now migrate toward businesses which foster personal growth. Now, the manager's new role is that of coach, teacher and mentor. The top-down management style is yielding to a networking, people-style of management. Entrepreneurship is revitalizing companies inside out. The large corporations are emulating the personal and

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productive qualities of small businesses.

One hundred years from now — 50, 25, 10, five years from now — America, and especially the Mid-South, will be the place to be. People all over the world will look to us for growth, stability and the good life. Our life expectancy is up 40 percent in this century alone. We can all expect to live fairly long lives, relatively free of pain and die in good health.

Here, on the threshold of another economic recovery, there are many questions on our minds. Even our National Anthem ends with a question mark:

Oh, say does that star spangled banner yet wave,

O'er the land of the free and the home of the brave?

Yes, we are the oldest living republic. However, let's remember that our Constitution doesn't guarantee a good life, prosperous life, a happy life or even a long life. It only offers the protection of life. We make of our lives what we will. We should bet on the long-run future success of American capitalism. If we don't have a future, nobody does.

We Americans work so hard. Often, when our candle flickers a little, we pause to wonder about a basic question, "What is the redemptive value of a lifetime of work and thrift we've incorporated into our lives?" What's the answer? I mean, ulcers show that you care but "How Do You Spell Relief?" The answer is and always has been, "F-A-M-I-L-Y." Family is the past, present and future — the closest thing to immortality this side of the grave.

What can we all still do to truly make this our best decade yet? We can each try to create a strong, loyal family, bound together and deeply rooted in faith and trust. Then we can work with purpose. Families are the past, present and future. Families take what we've accomplished and build on it. You don't conquer real families. Families are for growing up in, for going away from and for coming home to. The best Department of Health and Human Services is the family.

The world may not be entirely as we would like it to be. There have always been problems. Many problems are really conditions that eventually straighten themselves out in time of dynamic societies. But in the perspective of previous decades and looking at other countries, the American economy will emerge as superior. And you can take that to the bank.

Yes, there is too much "recession" talk. The networks have predicted 15 of the last nine recessions. Why do they dwell on it? Because horror movies always attract large crowds. Nevertheless, there are some things that reasonable and prudent people just don't do. You just don't stand up in a crowded theater and yell "fire!"

It is not that recessions are bad — they hit at a time when a lot of people are out of work! We need to postpone them until times get better. Unemployment in the last recession peaked at 10.6 percent. That's 50 percent higher than our 7.1 percent rate. Sure, we all know some people who aren't working — but most of them have jobs.

There is a silver lining in economic storm clouds. We still have the "Grossest National Product" in the world! Never forget — we enjoy a standard of living beyond the dreams of kings. For this, we owe a great deal of credit, to those who have extended us credit, to whom we owe a great deal (a record level of debt — personal, business and government notwithstanding — another topic, another time).

The bottom line? Learning economics won't make you a millionaire nor will it keep you out of the soup line. It will just give you a better understanding of how you got there. So, ignore the gloom and doom prophecies and get a life. But also try to keep a balanced perspective. Always remember that despite all your accomplishments — the size of your funeral will be determined by the weather. If it rains, I ain't coming!

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American Studies excursion to Nashville enlightens students

by Craig S. Lair
Bison editor

At 5 a.m. last Saturday the American Studies bus tour rolled back into Searcy. Participants in the Nashville excursion wearily gathered their belongings after an eventful look at the Tennessee capital.

The bus left Searcy on Wednesday at 2 p.m. with 45 members and sponsors Bob Reely and Randy McLeod. En route to Nashville, a bus-of-the-week service was conducted by group members.

The two full days in Nashville were packed with activities ranging from historical to business to entertainment. The events were selected to meet the American Studies' objectives of enlightening students about history, government and the free-enterprise system.

Shoney's Inn on the music strip provided accommodations for the two nights and breakfast on Friday and Saturday morning. Other meals were provided by Shoney's Inn corporate offices and Purity Dairies.

Thursday began with an inspiring devotional from Mark McInteer of 20th Century Christian publishing, son of Jim Bill McInteer who serves on Harding's Board of Trustees.

The next stop was a historical look at the Hermitage — Andrew Jackson's mansion. The film and surviving houses were designed to provide a prospective of the Jackson era.

Other stops on Thursday included a look at Mike Rose, Inc. Several vice-presidents and the chief financial officer of Shoney's Inn Corporation spoke and fielded questions from Harding students. "I was impressed with Shoney's, who had three of their top officers to meet with us," said Marsha Vaughn, senior human resources major.

The group ended the day with a trip to the Nashville Parthenon and dinner on a Cumberland River Showboat. Entertainment on the boat included a special clog dancing exhibition by McLeod and Reely. Kent Dobbs spoke on priorities to begin Friday morning. The pace on Friday was also frantic and included trips to World Christian Broadcasting, Apcom Industries, Purity Dairy and Opryland, Inc.

Rich Little was especially impressed with World Christian Broadcasting. "It was so encouraging to see a dedicated group of Christian servants spreading God's word through World Broadcasting. To see the response they are having daily encourages me to be involved in their work and should encourage others to take part in this grossly understaffed ministry."

As a maker of water heater thermostats, Apcom, Inc. provided Harding students with a look at the manufacturing industry in Franklin county.

Purity Dairy gave a family perspective about business. The warm atmosphere was courtesy of the Ezell family who manage the milk, ice cream and other dairy products business.

Friday night capped the trip off with tickets to see the live production of "Nashville Now" on TNN — The Nashville Network. Harding was mentioned on the air by the host and their sign was seen by those watching the program.

After the broadcast, the tour group loaded onto the buses for the seven-hour drive home. The two days in Nashville had served to better enlighten the group about history and business, just as the objectives of the American Studies program intend.



LOOK OVER THERE. American Studies students visit with members of the Ezell family (namesake of Harding's Bible building) during their trip to Nashville. The Ezells manage Purity Dairy, a Nashville-based dairy company. (photo by Craig Lair)

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JUST 'A' CLOGGIN'. American Studies' sponsors Bob Reely and Randy McLeod provide entertainment aboard a riverboat by clog dancing together. (photo by Craig Lair)

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Life

Students keep busy with chapel, contests

Long distance phone call



ONE, TWO, THREE... Fall HUF-fer David Sproles, a junior management major from Endwell, N.Y., leads the chapel audience in the singing of "We Love You With the Love of the Lord" for Todd Patten of Naples, Italy. Todd couldn't return to Harding this spring due to his dad's military transfer.

(photo by David Hickman)

GATA crowns 1992 Winter Fest Queen

by Shannon Romine
Bison staff writer

The annual Winter Festival was celebrated on Monday, Feb. 10, sponsored by GATA social club. The highlight of the festival was the crowning of the Winter Festival Queen during halftime of the Harding-OBU game.

Tracie West, a junior from Augusta, Ark., was named recipient of that honor. She was escorted by her brother, Greg Fields of Newport, Ark. The other queen nominees were Kelly Cooper, a sophomore from Memphis, Tenn., and Beth Howard, a junior from Searcy, Ark. The class representatives were Andrea Robertson from Searcy, Ark. freshman; Kaci Bolls from Murray, Ky., sophomore; Kristy Dawdy from Honey Grove, Texas, junior; and Ashley Cosby from Shreveport, La., senior.

West, who is a basketball cheerleader for the Bisons, was caught off guard when her name was announced. "I was shocked. I was completely shocked," she said. "It was an honor to represent the basketball team," she added.

The nominees for Winter Festival Queen were chosen by members of the Bison basketball team. The entire student body voted following a chapel presentation to select the winner.

The Winter Festival is the service project of GATA social club. Money raised during the event will allow underprivileged children to attend Camp Wyldewood this summer.

'Opposites Attract' on new TV-19 game show

by Tracey Johnson
Bison staff writer

Is the old saying "opposites attract" really true? The answer may be as close as Harding's own TV-19.

"Opposites Attract" is a student-produced show that replaced the popular dating game, "Take Out," which had aired for several semesters. The format has changed but the audience is still guaranteed a show full of entertaining laughs and even a date for two of the contestants on each half of the show.

Co-producers Steve Bunner and Kent Baker wanted a show that came from a slightly different angle than the previous dating game show. Baker said they wanted a different format because it was "time for something new." The concept for the show came from combining elements from two popular television dating game shows. "The game is a cross between 'Studs' and 'The Newlywed Game,'" said Bunner.

The new broadcast creation could be considered a "collage of other shows from the past," according to Baker. All the familiar elements are still present: contestants who range from wild and wacky to quiet and reserved, a lively audience, zany and somewhat thought-provoking questions and a hostess who has complete control of any

situation that may arise.

The format of the show is fairly simple and always humorous. The hostess for this semester, Stacy Hefley, asks the two male and two female contestants a multiple choice question in the hope of getting a matching answer. Each contestant whose answer matches that of another receives a "match." The male and female contestant with the most matches at the end of the game are rewarded with an all-expense paid dinner, movie and dessert provided by local sponsors.

Even the losers can turn out to be winners if they play their cards right. Not only does the losing couple receive a free pizza, sometimes romance can catch a spark between two people who didn't officially match it up on the show. Who says we can't all be winners?

The show hopes to attract a variety of contestants, and seems to be accomplishing its goals so far. "Opposites Attract" has had its share of classic comedians, as well as a few serious types to appear on the show. They all appear to be having a great time, along with the audience in the studio and those viewing at home.

The show airs Fridays at 7 p.m. on TV-19 and provides an opportunity for students to watch their peers in the communication field at their very best.



ATTRACTING AN AUDIENCE. Stacy Hefley, a sophomore radio/TV major from Harrison, Ark., quizzes producers Kent Baker and Steve Bunner during a dry-run of "Opposites Attract," a new dating game on TV-19. (photo by David Hickman)



DOWN ON MY KNEES FOR YOU. John Buchanan Winemiller, played by sophomore Christine Creasy, i

One-act plays offer

by Rob Mueller
Bison staff writer

Tuesday night hosted two one-act plays as part of a series of performances scheduled for this semester. The first production was *Haiku*, 1988 winner of the Heideman Award for one-act plays, written by Katherine Snodgrass.

Immediately following the intermission and set change was the classic play *Summer and Smoke*, by Tennessee Williams. The stage crew consisted of last week's performers from *Trifles* and *The Valiant*.

Directed by Jema McCardell, *Haiku* opens with soft piano music and more of a suggestive set which gives the picture of a modest living room. Nell and daughter, Louise, begin with their conversation about events past as they frequently stop to compose the lines to their duet of haiku poetry. Louise, afflicted by a lifelong illness similar to Autism, drifts in and out of her catatonic state composing the lines to original haiku poetry.

This continuous effort marks what Nell believes to be miraculous improvement concerning Louise's illness. Not until three years prior did Louise show any signs other than that of a withdrawn, fantasy-like state of mind.

We eventually learn that the cause of this improvement is hidden somewhere in the delayed consumption of Louise's medication. When Nell waits to give Louise her medicine until much later in the day, that is when she frequently slips into a somewhat normal frame of mind which makes her aware of her surroundings and capability of communicating, namely, in her haiku formed words.

Billie, the older daughter, enters from her trip home answering her mother's call to return and witnesses the surprising improvement shown by her sister Louise. Shrouded by doubt and standing in the hopeless anguish of so many years of no progress by Louise, Billie confronts the situation with her independent discernment. Nell persisted that Billie believes in her sister's wonderful signs of improvement, but, through no true evidence of improvement offered by Nell or Louise and continuous staged flashbacks of their childhoods, Billie concludes that it was simply one more example of futile hope.

The play ended with Billie and Nell moving on with their conversation while they leave Louise unattended by the window. Billie decided to stay and help attend to Louise for her mother's sake. Billie commented, "It's spring. I wish Daddy could be here to see his garden." We are left with an actual horizon of hope for Louise as she finally responds to Billie's statement with a haiku, "Walking in his garden — suddenly in the twilight — white hydrangea."

Nell, the mother, was portrayed by Carrie Brown.

s, dating game, plays and MURDER!!

Life



John, Jr., played by freshman Jeff Murrin, courts Alma in Tuesday's *Summer and Smoke*.

(photo by David Hickman)

continuing drama

The mentally ill daughter, Louise, was played by Kayleen Brummett; Billie, the older sister, by Nancy Palmer.

Summer and Smoke, directed by Chuck Roe, is set in Glorious Hill, Miss., at the turn of the century. Like *Haiku*, the stage represents more of a suggested appearance with four separate areas of focus designed for the numerous scene changes offered by focal and lighting variation.

The play opens in the Glorious Hill Park on July 4 with Reverend Winemiller and his wife, portrayed by Ethan Brown and Leanne Putnam. Accompanying the opening scene were John Buchanan, Jr. and Alma Winemiller, the two main characters, played by Jeffrey Murrin and Christine Creasy.

We quickly witness two diverse people with a mutual attraction for one another offset by their clashing personalities.

John, a reluctant, aspiring doctor following in the footsteps of his father, administers his medical terminology to Alma with a seemingly patronistic poise within the course of their many confrontations of aspiring love and turmoil.

Alma, plagued by "nervous fits," eccentric values of poetic love, and the search for the significance of soul, repeatedly loses the persevering attention of John as her weak and anxious heart retracts when confronted by the thought of accepting or committing to him.

Rosa Gonzales, played by Rebecca Roussos, steps into the scene and temporarily claims the attention of John. Mrs. Bassett, portrayed by Maria Endert, an acquaintance of Alma's and Nellie, Alma's music student, quickly informs Alma of John's romance with Rosa.

The play evolves as plans are temporarily made for John to marry Rosa; then an accident happens during a scuffle in Dr. Buchanan's house where Dr. Buchanan, played by Jon Picklesimer, is shot by Rosa's drunken father (also played by Brown). Later, at the scene of the shooting, John and Alma had one of the climactic confrontations where he informs her of her "hand-me-down notions, attitudes and poses," and also admits to his own feelings of inadequacy when put into the light of her purity — "I'm more afraid of your soul than you are of my body."

Much time elapses and we find that John and Alma inevitably go their separate ways. John soon becomes engaged to Nellie.

In Alma and John's last scene together she finally confesses her love for him, but it is too late. However, Alma comes to a point of realization with herself; her inner, weaker self has passed away. Through the course of their turbulent and reluctant relationship, the gulf wind has blown it away like smoke.

First-ever Harding 'Murder Mystery Weekend' solves case of murdered art critic-photographer

by Traci Gilstrap
Bison staff writer

On Feb. 14 a well-known art critic and photographer, Bernard Sinclair, died at an art auction being held in the American Heritage. The autopsy revealed that Sinclair had died of penicillin poisoning. The punch bowl at the auction evidently had been liberally laced with penicillin, and Sinclair, highly allergic to penicillin, died within five minutes of drinking the punch.

Sinclair had flown from New York to see a painting being sold at the auction, a Monet called "Summer Stroll" which was presumed lost after the destruction of the Lyon Gallery during World War I. The painting reappeared in the attic of a former doughboy in Tupelo, Miss., and came to the notice of Tbynbee Seastrunk of Tbynbee Gallery, who purchased it secretly for Algonquin Harrington-Smythe. The painting was sold for \$16 million to the Playboy Cartel.

Before Sinclair's death, the announcement of his engagement to Primrose Harrington-Smythe brought plenty of excitement to the auction, especially when a row broke out between Primrose and her sister-in-law Prudence, who was having an affair with Sinclair. At this point Prudence's husband Peregrine was taken from the room before he could do Sinclair bodily harm.

Saturday afternoon, suspects were interrogated and witnesses were questioned concerning the murder of Bernard Sinclair. The suspects were Primrose, Prudence, Alcesse Harrington-Smythe and Seastrunk, the estate auctioneer. Each had excellent motive and opportunity to kill Sinclair.

Later that evening at a formal banquet, the reason for Sinclair's death was discovered. Before his death, it was noted that Sinclair had commented on some discrepancies with the Monet, which was sold at the auction. It turns out that Seastrunk was trying to sell a fake and had poisoned Sinclair, who, with his experience as an art critic, would have been able to identify the painting as a fake.

The great detectives who solved the case, "A Masterpiece of Murder," were Dan Allen (from Cabot) and Bill and Phebe Rearbon (from North Little Rock) of the Yale University Cartel. They received the Sherlock Holmes Award for a job well done. They were well-matched for the task considering Dan and Bill are criminal investigators at Little Rock Air Force Base.

Second place, the Watson Award, was



MURDERED!! Primrose, fiancée of the murdered art critic and photographer Bernard Sinclair (played by Tammy Dawson and Bill Gardner, respectively), kneels to identify the lady during last weekend's "Murder Mystery." (photo by Traci Gilstrap)

presented to Tracy Sicks of Searcy. Tracy, a ninth-grade student at Ahlf Junior High School, said he knew Seastrunk was the killer "because Seastrunk could not keep his story straight. He lied too much."

The Red Herring Award was presented to the detective who was farthest off track. The winner, Troy Branscum of Cabot, said he had a really great time. He came with his wife and another couple and they spent their time coming up with the craziest ideas as to how Sinclair was killed. Their winning conclusion was that it was suicide!

The cast of characters who made this wonderful weekend possible included Bill Gardner as the victim, Sinclair; Dr. Fred Jewell as the murderer, Seastrunk; Tammy

Dawson as Primrose, the victim's fiancée; Samuel Clark as Alcesse, the misunderstood artist; Ben Franklin as the cheated husband, Peregrine; Anne Laura Clark as his adulterous wife, Prudence; Cheri Gardner as Olivia Clingscales, the family attorney; Dr. Paul Haney as Detective Paul Peckinpaul; Traci "Snoop 't' Scoop" Gilstrap as the press; and a special guest appearance by Dr. Raymond Muncy as Professor Percival Pennyweight.

Haney, who supervised the organization of this murder mystery weekend, is already planning another one. Judging by the reactions of the participants in this one, they will likely be back for the next mystery!

Mavs' win adds to 'Runaway Weekend' excitement

by Tamra L. Spencer
Bison staff writer

"Two for two" — that is, two round-trip tickets to Dallas accompanied by two tickets to see the Dallas Mavericks play the Houston Rockets were awarded each to freshmen Staci Vaughn and Bryan Lewis. This included a one-night, all-expense paid stay in the homes of Harding alumni.

"The idea of 'Runaway with Basketball Weekend' was to get the students to come and see the movie, 'The Pistol,' on Saturday, Feb. 8, the band called Runaway on Sunday, the 9th and to support our own Bison basketball team," explained Steve Beliech, campus life coordinator.

This was a Student Association-sponsored drawing that had over 600 students involved.

There originally were four winners from the contest but two people did not claim their reward so the prizes were again awarded to Vaughn and Lewis. So instead of a runaway weekend to Dallas for one it was for two.

The exciting weekend started for Vaughn and her roommate Melissa Crawford, a freshman, and Lewis and a close friend of his, Mark Williams, a sophomore, last Saturday at about 12:30 p.m. The group arrived in Dallas at 3:30 p.m. and was greeted by friendly Harding alumni.

Their chauffeurs were Joe Porter and Mr. and Mrs. Scott McGee. The group went out for barbecue ribs at Tony Ramas Restaurant and then headed for the game.

"The game was really fun!" stated Vaughn enthusiastically. "Towards the end of the game the crowd was really getting into

it!" "I think we were lucky because Dallas is not usually a winning team but they made a come-from-behind in the last quarter so the spectators were really pumped," commented Lewis.

The following morning they worshiped at Preston Crest Church of Christ. Later, they enjoyed a Mexican dinner at On the Border. After their meal together the quartet did some sight-seeing of the great metropolis of Dallas.

"It was a nice break from the small town of Searcy," said Williams. He also commented on his enjoyment of the flight.

The group then left Dallas in the late afternoon and arrived back in Searcy at about 5:30 p.m.

Sports

Club basketball still going strong

Men's

by Lola M. Crankshaw
Bison sports writer

Seminoles slaughtered Sigma Tau 90-65 in spirited A-team action. Lee Fowlkes said, "Even though we lost, we still enjoyed playing and getting to know the other team's players." Sigma Tau is now out of the championship.

In other A-team action, Theta Tau downed Kings Men 72-58. John Kodatt scored 40 points for the winning team and Steven Nutt scored eight points. Nutt stated, "We played a good game but went into it not expecting a whole lot. They played tough but we pulled through in the end."

In B-team action Pikes played Chi Sigs in a thriller but in the last 10 minutes Pikes pulled ahead to make the final score 41-28. Scott Field of Pikes scored 15 points and he said, "We had to play a good game. It was real close until the end. The last 10 minutes were everything."

On Friday, Kappa Tau defeated Galaxy 94-37 in B-team potluck action. Robert Wicker scored six points for Galaxy in the effort. Wicker said, "No matter what we did we couldn't stop them."

Sub-T conquered TNT in the C-team championship game last week 54-47. Freshman Ryan Burr of Sub-T said, "It's nice to win the championship. It was also fun to play basketball."

Women's

by Julie C. Carey
Bison staff writer

During the last couple of weeks the courts have been hot with women's club basketball. Championships have begun and the season is drawing to a close.

Last Wednesday Gata defeated OEGE 31-23 for the middle club A championship. The game was close until Gata pulled away in the final minutes. Joy Wilson scored eight for Gata. Tracy Scourfield and Angie Hughan added seven each to OEGE's final score.

In heated A-team action last Monday night Zeta Rho downed Ju Go Ju 22-15 in the championship game. Since Zeta Rho was the underdog and won, the two teams will face off again next week for the championship position.

In small club-A team action, Sig Phi beat Omega Phi 23-15 to force a championship. April Dobbs tallied 13 for Sig Phi. Kelly Hudson led Omega Phi with seven.

UALR hands Bison baseball team first loss

by Archie Shelton
Bison sports editor

The Bison baseball team opened the 1992 season with a 16-10 loss to the UALR Trojans at Curran Conway field in Little Rock.

UALR started early by scoring two runs in the bottom of the second on a pair of doubles. A single by Jerry Laird in the top of the third brought Chris Byrd in for a run and the Bisons closed the gap to 2-1.

The Trojans rebounded for three more runs in the bottom of the third, but the Bisons managed to score two more runs in the top of the fourth on an RBI single by Todd Brown and a UALR error.

The Trojans led 8-3 going into the top of the fifth but the Bisons exploded for four runs to cut the lead to 8-7. Shane Fullerton had a two RBI single while Brown knocked in a run with his single and Kevin Burton picked up an RBI with a sacrifice fly.

The Bisons managed another run in the top of the seventh as Brown picked up another RBI single. This brought the Bisons within a run at 9-8 but it was as close as they would get as the Trojans scored seven runs during the next two innings.

The Bisons were able to pound out 11 hits while holding the Trojans to six strikeouts. Brown led the way with three hits while Fullerton collected on a pair of singles. Byrd added a double while Laird, Bart Jones, Lance Boyd and Jason French all had singles. Burton also had a triple. Nick Fouts took the loss while Clint Davis and Eric Dodson pitched in relief.

The Bisons will face Christian Brothers University on Feb. 22 in Memphis, Tenn.

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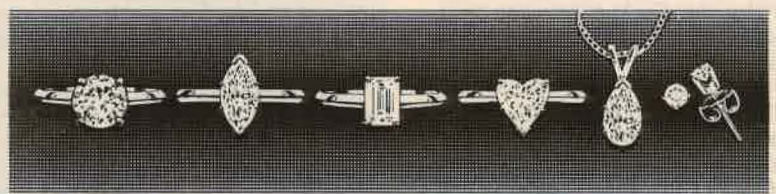


PAST THE PACK. Ju Go Ju's Angela Johnson blows by Delta Gamma Rho's Traci McMennamy, middle, and Karen Wright, right. Ju Go Ju upset the Delta Gammars Wednesday night 18-11 in B-team action. (photo by David Hickman)

In B-team action Delta Gamma Rho and Chi O's came out on top. Delta Gamma Rho beat Regina in an overtime thriller 15-13. Kris Collins added eight points to the winning score, half of which were in overtime. Christine Langston scored 11 for Regina. Chi O's met Tri Sigs on the court and left with a 20-4 victory. Kelly Smith added 10 to Chi O's winning score. Kristen Brack and Wendy Webster each scored

two for Tri Sigs to create the final score. Delta Gamma Rho C-team defeated Shantih C-team last Wednesday 18-9. Shari Reaves tallied 10 of the winning points. Kojies' and Shantih's D-teams also battled it out on the court last Wednesday. Kojies came away with the victory 28-4. Meleah Parker added 10 for the final Kojies score. Amy Whittle and Diadra Gregory tallied two each for Shantih.

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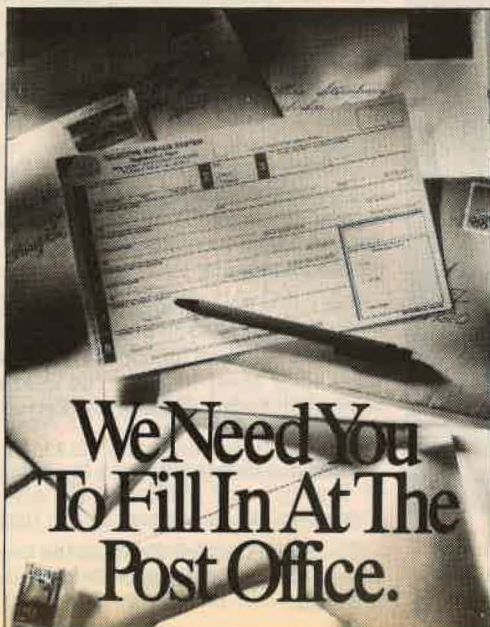
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Nesbitt, Brothers lead Bisons past UA-Monticello

by Suzanne Dunlap
Bison sports writer

The Bisons rolled over the University of Arkansas at Monticello 113-105 Monday night in front of a supportive and excited crowd.

First half action started with the Bisons scoring five straight points. UAM thundered back with eight straight points of their own, gaining the early advantage.

Thomas Nesbitt established the inside game for the Bisons and scored the next Bison points. UAM led by three points. The Bisons came back and James O'Clair tied the game at 10. Harding then went on a 14-4 scoring run led by Ronnie Brothers offensively and Keith Nelson defensively. The Bisons were up 28-17. UAM picked at the Bison lead and brought it to within three points at the half 46-43.

The Bisons and UAM swapped baskets to begin the second half. UAM tied the game at 60 with 16:11 remaining in the game. On the next possession, Morris Williams was fouled and converted both free throws. The Bisons were up by two. UAM tied the game again. There was a duel going on with neither team leading by more than three points.

Midway through the second half, with the game tied at 75, Nesbitt started the drive

that would eventually win the game for the Bisons. Aggressive defense led by Nelson allowed the Bisons to go on a 9-0 scoring run. Nelson pulled down defensive rebound after rebound. On the offensive end of the court Nesbitt was working hard drawing numerous fouls underneath the basket and converting his free throws.

With five minutes remaining in the game the Bisons had a 14-point lead. UAM staged a comeback, but it was short lived; they never got closer than six points. Each time UAM tried to cut the lead the Bisons elevated their level of play.

Great rebounding and converted free throws won the game for the Bisons. It was a great team effort; everybody was out there working together.

Nesbitt scored a career high 32 points and led the Bisons in scoring. Brothers followed with 26 points. Nelson had 14 points and Williams had 12 points.

The Bisons went to the line 66 times, converting 48 of them. In the second half the Bisons shot 76 percent from the line. Nesbitt went to the line 24 times and converted 16 of them. Brothers was 13 of 16.

The Bisons dominated the boards, out rebounding UAM 43-28. Nelson led the Bisons with 10 rebounds while Nesbitt and Williams each had eight.

Sports



UP AND AT 'EM. Freshman Cindy Camp, 35, shoots for two against a UAM defender last week. The Lady Bisons recently achieved their first ever 20-win season.

(photo by Michael Bass)

Lady Bisons reach first 20-win season; last-second shot defeats UCA Sugar Bears

by Mylene Hill
Bison sports writer

The Lady Bison basketball team recently reached the 20-win plateau.

The victory, which marked the first time any Harding team won 20 games in a season, came in dramatic fashion. The Lady Bisons came-from-behind to beat the Sugar Bears of UCA 73-72 on a last-second shot by Kymm Hudson.

"It was the most awesome thing," said graduate assistant Kara Payne. "It was the first time we have ever beaten them and it was a big win."

Harding trailed UCA 41-34 at halftime before fighting back into the game in the second half. Harding took control of the ball with six seconds left trailing 72-71 after UCA lost possession on a shot clock violation.

The Lady Bisons called time-out and Coach Greg Harnden diagrammed a play. Jama Holman took the in-bounds pass. She passed to Karyl Hartsfield, who dribbled up court and found Hudson open in the lane. Hudson caught the ball, spun and shot, barely beating the buzzer. The Harding bench erupted as the ball went through the basketball.

"It was like a dream," Hudson said. "When reality set in, it was awesome. It was an awesome pass by Karyl. The play worked to perfection."

The win marked the first time the Lady Bisons have ever beaten the Sugar Bears.

Nancee Wilson said the win had special meaning because of the close competition between the two schools. "Beating UCA for our first 20th-win season ever was the best thing that could've happened," Wilson said.

"We have a great rivalry with UCA and beating them made it even better."

Hudson led Harding with 27 and Hartsfield, who was four of five from three-point range, had 20. Wilson led in rebounds with 11.

The Lady Bisons did not fair so well Monday night at home against the University of Arkansas-Monticello. Harding never led in the game as the Cotton Blossoms jumped out to a 19-4 lead. UAM went on to a 43-27 halftime lead.

Harding rallied in the second half several times but could never close the gap to less than 10 points. UAM converted from the free throw line, shooting 91 percent in the second half, to thwart Harding's comeback attempt.

"We just didn't play well," Wilson said. "We didn't play good defense and our shooting was off. It's hard to win like that."

Hudson led the Lady Bisons with 34 points and 12 rebounds. Wilson added 12 points and Holman and Cindy Camp each had 11.

The loss put Harding in a tie for third place in the conference. The Lady Bisons can finish as high as second by beating Arkansas College and Henderson State in the final regular season games.

Dr. David Burks, University president, said the second place finish would be a "real accomplishment" for the program. "I think it's fantastic," Burks said of the 20-win season. "It's taken a monumental effort to win this many games and I think they'll win several more with the tournament coming up. This has been a year of tremendous growth for the team. I appreciate the attitude, hard work and ability of the players."

Burks summed up the season by saying, "It's been an unbelievable year."

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